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# Bowdoin

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

### *Bird List*



## Habitat Diversity Attracts A Variety of Birds

Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, located 7 miles east of Malta on Old Highway 2 in northeastern Montana, was established in 1936. Although managed primarily for ducks and geese, the Refuge is known for its colonies of nesting birds. Franklin's gulls, black-crowned night-herons, eared grebes, and white-faced ibises nest in the bulrush marshes of Lake Bowdoin. American white pelicans, double-crested cormorants, great blue herons, and California and ring-billed gulls occupy the lake's several islands. Sprague's pipits, Baird's sparrows, and chestnut-collared longspurs are typical upland nesting birds found on the Refuge.

Most of this 15,551-acre Refuge is shortgrass prairie interspersed with diked impoundments. Shelterbelts of trees and shrubs have been planted throughout the Refuge. Such habitat diversity provides homes for a variety of bird species. Refuge visitors can easily drive through these habitats by using the auto tour route.

## About this Checklist

The 263 species listed in this leaflet have all been observed on the Refuge. All species names are in accordance with the A.O.U. Checklist of North American Birds, 7th edition, 1998. For clarity, some of the former names are shown in parentheses. Those species listed as "vagrants" have been seen only a few times on the Refuge. Please report any additional sightings of vagrants to the Refuge staff.

Seasons of Occurrence:

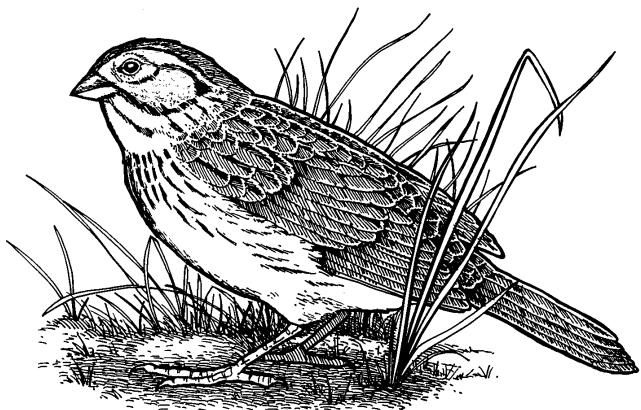
Sp Spring (March-May)  
Su Summer (June-July)  
F Fall (August-November)  
W Winter (December-February)

Seasonal Abundance:

a abundant—occurring in large numbers  
c common—certain to be seen in suitable habitat  
u uncommon—present, but not certain to be seen  
o occasional—seen only a few times during a season  
r rare—seen once a year or less  
v vagrant—less than five sightings at Bowdoin

Other Codes

• species known to nest on the Refuge



	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>Loons</b>				
— Common Loon .....	o	o	r	
<b>Grebes</b>				
— •Pied-billed Grebe .....	u	c	u	
— •Horned Grebe .....	u	u	u	
— Red-necked Grebe .....	r			
— •Eared Grebe .....	a	a	a	
— •Western Grebe .....	c	c	u	
— •Clark's Grebe .....	u	u	u	
<b>Pelicans</b>				
— •American White Pelican .....	a	a	a	
<b>Cormorants</b>				
— •Double-crested Cormorant .....	a	a	a	
<b>Herons</b>				
— •American Bittern .....	u	u	u	
— •Great Blue Heron .....	c	c	c	
— Great Egret .....		o		
— Snowy Egret .....	o	u	o	
— Cattle Egret .....	r	r		
— Green Heron .....	v			
— •Black-crowned Night-Heron .....	c	c	c	
<b>Ibis</b>				
— •White-faced Ibis .....	c	c	u	
<b>Geese</b>				
— Greater White-fronted Goose .....	o	r	o	
— Snow Goose .....	u		u	
— Ross' Goose .....	r		o	
— •Canada Goose .....	a	a	a	o
<b>Swans</b>				
— Tundra Swan (Whistling Swan) .....	u		c	r
<b>Ducks</b>				
— •Wood Duck .....	c	c	c	
— •Gadwall .....	a	a	a	r
— Eurasian Wigeon .....	r			
— •American Wigeon .....	a	c	a	r
— American Black Duck .....			v	
— •Mallard .....	a	a	a	u
— •Blue-winged Teal .....	a	a	a	
— •Cinnamon Teal .....	c	c	u	
— •Northern Shoveler .....	a	a	a	
— •Northern Pintail .....	a	a	a	o
— Garganey .....	v			
— •Green-winged Teal .....	a	a	a	o

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>•Canvasback .....</b>				
— •Redhead .....	c	c	c	
— Ring-necked Duck .....	u	r	u	
— Greater Scaup .....			o	
— •Lesser Scaup .....	a	c	c	r
— Harlequin Duck .....		v	v	
— Surf Scoter .....			v	
— White-winged Scoter .....			r	
— Oldsquaw .....			r	
— •Bufflehead .....	c	o	c	
— •Common Goldeneye .....	a	u	a	o
— Barrow's Goldeneye .....	r		r	
— Hooded Merganser .....	o	o	o	
— Common Merganser .....	c		c	
— Red-breasted Merganser .....	u		u	
— •Ruddy Duck .....	a	c	c	
<b>Hawks, Eagles</b>				
— Osprey .....		v		
— Bald Eagle .....	c	r	u	u
— •Northern Harrier (Marsh Hawk) .....	c	c	c	u
— Sharp-shinned Hawk .....	u	r	u	
— Cooper's Hawk .....	u		u	r
— Northern Goshawk .....	o		o	o
— Broad-winged Hawk .....	r		o	
— •Swainson's Hawk .....	u	u	u	
— •Red-tailed Hawk .....	u	o	u	
— •Ferruginous Hawk .....	o	o	o	
— Rough-legged Hawk .....	u		u	u
— Golden Eagle .....	u	o	u	o
<b>Falcons</b>				
— •American Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk) .....	c	c	c	
— Merlin .....			r	o
— Gyrfalcon .....				v
— Peregrine Falcon .....	o	r	o	
— Prairie Falcon .....	u	u	u	u
<b>Gallinaceous Birds</b>				
— •Gray Partridge .....	c	o	c	c
— •Ring-necked Pheasant .....	c	c	c	c
— •Sage Grouse .....	u	u	u	u
— •Sharp-tailed Grouse .....	c	c	c	c
— Wild Turkey .....	o			o
<b>Rails, Gallinules</b>				
— Yellow Rail .....	r	r	r	
— •Virginia Rail .....	u	u	u	

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
— •Sora .....	u	u	u	
— •American Coot .....	a	a	a	r
<b>Cranes</b>				
— •Sandhill Crane .....	o	r	o	
<b>Plovers</b>				
— Black-bellied Plover .....	u	o	u	
— American Golden Plover .....	r		r	
— Snowy Plover .....	v			
— Semipalmated Plover .....	u	u	u	
— •Piping Plover .....	o	r	r	
— •Killdeer .....	a	a	a	r
— Mountain Plover .....	v			
<b>Stilts, Avocets</b>				
— •Black-necked Stilt .....	c	c	u	
— •American Avocet .....	a	a	c	
<b>Sandpipers</b>				
— Greater Yellowlegs .....	o	o	o	
— Lesser Yellowlegs .....	u	u	u	
— Solitary Sandpiper .....	o			
— •Willet .....	c	c	c	
— •Spotted Sandpiper .....	c	c	c	
— •Upland Sandpiper .....	u	u	o	
— Whimbrel .....	o			
— •Long-billed Curlew .....	u	u	u	
— Hudsonian Godwit .....	v			
— •Marbled Godwit .....	c	c	c	
— Ruddy Turnstone .....	r	r		
— Red Knot .....	v			
— Sanderling .....	u	u	u	
— Semipalmated Sandpiper .....	u	u	u	
— Western Sandpiper .....	u	r	u	
— Least Sandpiper .....	u	r	u	
— White-rumped Sandpiper .....	r	r	r	
— Baird's Sandpiper .....	u	u	r	
— Pectoral Sandpiper .....	u	r	u	
— Dunlin .....	v			
— Stilt Sandpiper .....	o	o	o	
— Buff-breasted Sandpiper .....	v			
— Short-billed Dowitcher .....	v			
— Long-billed Dowitcher .....	u	u	u	
— •Common Snipe .....	c	u	u	
<b>Phalaropes</b>				
— •Wilson's Phalarope .....	a	a	c	
— Red-necked Phalarope (Northern) .....	o	o	o	

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
— Red Phalarope .....				v
<b>Gulls</b>				
— •Franklin's Gull .....			a	a
— Bonaparte's Gull .....	r	r	r	
— •Ring-billed Gull .....	a	a	a	
— •California Gull .....	a	a	a	
— Herring Gull .....	u		o	u
— Sabine's Gull .....			v	
<b>Terns</b>				
— •Caspian Tern .....	r	o		
— •Common Tern .....	c	c	c	
— •Arctic Tern .....		v		
— Forster's Tern .....	r		r	
— •Black Tern .....	c	c	c	
<b>Doves</b>				
— Rock Dove .....	o	o	o	o
— •Mourning Dove .....	c	c	c	
<b>Cuckoos</b>				
— •Black-billed Cuckoo .....	u	u		
— Yellow-billed Cuckoo .....	r	r		
<b>Owls</b>				
— •Eastern Screech-Owl .....	r	o	r	r
— •Great Horned Owl .....	u	u	u	u
— Snowy Owl .....	o		o	o
— •Burrowing Owl .....	u	u	u	
— •Long-eared Owl .....	o	o	o	r
— •Short-eared Owl .....	u	u	u	u
— Northern Saw-whet Owl .....	r	r	r	r
<b>Goatsuckers</b>				
— •Common Nighthawk .....	r	u	u	
<b>Hummingbirds</b>				
— •Ruby-throated Hummingbird .....	r	r	o	
<b>Kingfishers</b>				
— Belted Kingfisher .....	u	u	u	
<b>Woodpeckers</b>				
— •Red-headed Woodpecker .....	o	o	r	
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker .....	r	r	r	
— •Downy Woodpecker .....	u	u	u	u
— •Hairy Woodpecker .....	u	u	u	u
— •Northern Flicker (Common Flicker) .....	c	c	c	c
<b>Flycatchers</b>				
— •Western Wood-Pewee .....	o	o	o	

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
— Alder Flycatcher.....	v			
—• Willow Flycatcher.....	r	r	r	
—• Least Flycatcher.....	u	u		
—• Say's Phoebe .....	o	o	o	
—• Western Kingbird .....	u	u	u	
—• Eastern Kingbird .....	c	c	c	
— Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.....	v			
<b>Shrikes</b>				
—• Loggerhead Shrike .....	u	c	u	
— Northern Shrike .....			u	u
<b>Vireos</b>				
— Warbling Vireo .....	u	u		
— Red-eyed Vireo .....	o	o	o	
<b>Jays, Magpies, Crows</b>				
— Blue Jay .....	o	o	o	o
—• Black-billed Magpie .....	a	a	a	a
— American Crow .....	u	o	u	o
<b>Larks</b>				
—• Horned Lark .....	c	c	c	u
<b>Swallows</b>				
—• Tree Swallow .....	c	c		
—• Northern Rough-winged Swallow .....	u	u	u	
—• Bank Swallow .....	u	u	u	
—• Cliff Swallow .....	a	a	a	
—• Barn Swallow.....	c	c	c	
<b>Chickadees</b>				
—• Black-capped Chickadee .....	u	u	u	c
— Mountain Chickadee.....				o
<b>Nuthatches</b>				
— Red-breasted Nuthatch .....	r	r	o	r
<b>Creepers</b>				
— Brown Creeper .....	v			
<b>Wrens, Dippers</b>				
— Rock Wren .....	r	r	r	
—• House Wren .....	c	c	u	
— Winter Wren .....				v
— Sedge Wren .....	v			
—• Marsh Wren .....	c	c	u	o
<b>Kinglets</b>				
— Golden-crowned Kinglet .....			o	o
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....			v	

	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>Thrushes, Bluebirds</b>				
— Mountain Bluebird .....	u	r	u	r
— Townsend's Solitaire .....	r		r	r
— Veery.....	r			
— Gray-cheeked Thrush.....			v	
— Swainson's Thrush .....	u	o	o	
— Hermit Thrush .....	o	o	o	
— Wood Thrush .....	v			
—• American Robin .....	c	c	c	u
— Varied Thrush .....			r	r
<b>Thrashers</b>				
— Gray Catbird .....	u	u		
— Northern Mockingbird.....	v			
—• Brown Thrasher .....	u	u	u	
<b>Starlings</b>				
—• European Starling .....	c	c	a	o
<b>Pipits</b>				
— American (Water) Pipit .....	u	o	r	
—• Sprague's Pipit .....	c	c	u	
<b>Waxwings</b>				
— Bohemian Waxwing .....	c		c	c
—• Cedar Waxwing .....	u	u	u	o
<b>Warblers</b>				
— Tennessee Warbler .....	r		r	
— Orange-crowned Warbler .....	u		r	
—• Yellow Warbler .....	c	c	c	
— Cape May Warbler .....	v			
— Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle and Audubon's Warblers)....	c	o	c	
— Townsend's Warbler .....	r		r	
— Blackburnian Warbler .....	v			
— Palm Warbler .....	v			
— Blackpoll Warbler .....	o		o	
— American Redstart.....	o		o	
— Ovenbird.....	o		o	
— Northern Waterthrush.....	o		o	
— Mourning Warbler .....			v	
— MacGillivray's Warbler .....	o		o	
—• Common Yellowthroat .....	c	c	u	
— Wilson's Warbler .....	o		o	
— Yellow-breasted Chat.....	r	r	r	
<b>Tanagers</b>				
— Scarlet Tanager .....			v	

	Sp	Su	F	W
— Western Tanager .....	o			
<b>Towhees, Sparrows</b>				
—• Spotted Towhee.....	u	u	u	
— American Tree Sparrow .....	c		c	u
—• Chipping Sparrow .....	c	c	u	
—• Clay-colored Sparrow.....	u	u	u	
—• Brewer's Sparrow .....	u	u	u	
—• Vesper Sparrow.....	u	u		
— Lark Sparrow .....	o	o		
—• Lark Bunting .....	c	c	c	
—• Savannah Sparrow .....	c	c	u	
— Grasshopper Sparrow .....	u	u		
—• Baird's Sparrow.....	u	o	o	
— LeConte's Sparrow .....	r	r		
— Fox Sparrow .....	r		r	
—• Song Sparrow .....	c	c	c	r
— Lincoln's Sparrow .....	u		u	
— White-throated Sparrow .....	u		u	
— Harris' Sparrow .....	u		u	o
— White-crowned Sparrow .....	c		c	
— Golden-crowned Sparrow .....	v			
— Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored Junco)..	u		u	u
—• McCown's Longspur .....	u	u		
— Lapland Longspur .....				o
— Smith's Longspur .....				v
—• Chestnut-collared Longspur .....	c	c	u	
— Snow Bunting .....	o	u	u	
<b>Grosbeaks, Buntings</b>				
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak .....	r	r	r	
— Black-headed Grosbeak .....	r	r	r	
— Blue Grosbeak .....		v		
— Lazuli Bunting.....	r	r		
<b>Blackbirds, Orioles</b>				
— Bobolink .....	o	o		
—• Red-winged Blackbird .....	a	a	a	o
—• Western Meadowlark .....	a	a	a	o
—• Yellow-headed Blackbird .....	a	a	a	
— Rusty Blackbird .....				o
—• Brewer's Blackbird .....	c	u	u	o
—• Common Grackle.....	c	c	o	r
— Great-tailed Grackle .....	v	v		
—• Brown-headed Cowbird .....	c	c	u	
— Orchard Oriole .....		v		
—• Baltimore Oriole .....	u	u	u	
—• Bullock's Oriole .....	u	u	u	

	Sp	Su	F	W
<b>Finches</b>				
— Pine Grosbeak .....	r		r	r
— Cassin's Finch .....	v			
—•House Finch.....	o	o	o	o
— Red Crossbill .....				v
— Common Redpoll.....			u	u
— Hoary Redpoll .....			r	r
— Pine Siskin .....	u	o	o	
—•American Goldfinch .....	c	c	c	
— Evening Grosbeak .....			o	o
<b>Old World Sparrows</b>				
—•House Sparrow .....	c	c	c	c

# Finches

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|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| — Pine Grosbeak .....      | r |   | r | r |
| — Cassin's Finch .....     | v |   |   |   |
| —•House Finch.....         | o | o | o | o |
| — Red Crossbill .....      |   |   |   | v |
| — Common Redpoll.....      |   |   | u | u |
| — Hoary Redpoll .....      |   |   | r | r |
| — Pine Siskin .....        | u | o | o |   |
| —•American Goldfinch ..... | c | c | c |   |
| — Evening Grosbeak .....   |   |   | o | o |

## **Old World Sparrows**

- House Sparrow ..... c c c c

## Notes

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Weather \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

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